

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Natsuhiko MORI et al

Serial No.: 09/320,649

Atty. Docket No.: 100725-09009

Filed: May 27, 1999

For: HYDRODYNAMIC TYPE OIL-IMPREGNATED SINTERED BEARING

RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b)

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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

June 2, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Decision on Petition to Revive Unintentional Abandonment under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b) dated March 31, 2008, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider his decision dismissing the Petition to Revive based upon unintentional abandonment in view of the attached materials and the following remarks.

It should be noted that contrary to the statement in the last full paragraph on page 1 of the Decision, the undersigned did in fact make the statement that the entire delay was unintentional in the Petition filed January 8, 2008.

The facts to support petitioner's statement that the abandonment was unintentional are as follows:

1. A Request for Continued Examination and Information Disclosure Statement were filed on March 23, 2001, in response to the outstanding final Office Action dated November 30, 2000.
2. On or about May 22, 2001, the undersigned submitted by e-mail a spreadsheet listing all cases which were to be associated with Customer Number 004372 and in which the undersigned's address was to be changed. Attached as Exhibit A is page 8 of this spreadsheet where the subject application is listed. The undersigned's new address and Customer Number Record change was of record under Customer Number 004372 as of January 31,

2001, a copy of the Notice of Customer Number Record Change is attached as Exhibit B.

3. Receiving no response or further action from the Patent and Trademark Office in response to Item #1 above, on August 9, 2005, a Change of Correspondence Address was filed via facsimile. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a copy of the Change of Correspondence Address with facsimile transmission sheet and the transmission acknowledgement sheet.
4. Further on August 10, 2005, a Request for Status and Information Disclosure Statement were filed. Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a copy of the Request for Status and Information Disclosure Statement along with a copy of the stamped postcard receipt.
5. Still receiving no response or action from the Patent and Trademark Office in response to either #1 or #4 above, a Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment with Exhibits was filed on October 23, 2006. Attached as Exhibit E is copy of the Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment along with a copy of the stamped postcard receipt.
6. Still not receiving a response or action from the Patent and Trademark Office in response to either #1, #4 or #5 above, on February 23, 2007, a Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment with Exhibits (Second Filing) was filed. Attached as Exhibit F is a copy of the Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment (Second Filing) with Exhibits along with a copy of the stamped postcard receipt.
7. On November 13, 2007, the Petitions Office issued a Decision dismissing the Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment.
8. In response to the Decision by the Petitions Office, a Petition to Revive Unintentional Abandonment with the appropriate Amendment in response to the Office Action of April 11, 2001, was submitted on January 8, 2008.

Applicants hereby submit that the abandonment of the above-identified application resulted from the Patent and Trademark Office's failure to mail the non-final Office Action to the correct address. Since the failure to file a response to the non-final Office Action resulted from a Patent and Trademark Office error, it is respectfully

submitted that the revival of the subject application based upon unintentional abandonment is proper.

The abandonment of the above-identified application on March 29, 2002, resulted from Applicant's failure to respond to an outstanding non-final Office Action. Applicants did not respond to the non-final Office Action because Applicants never received the non-final Office Action. Applicants' attorneys have made a careful search of the entire file jacket for the subject application and the non-final Office Action was not present. A review of the docket records also indicate that the non-final Office Action was never received.

Attached as Exhibit G is a copy of the private PAIR page from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office website for the subject application (access to which only became available for this application recently). It is noted that on April 26, 2001, there is a notation stating "Correspondence Address Change". Also on that date there are two separate notations of a "Letter Restarting Period for Response" and "Mail Notice of Restarted Response Period". It is respectfully submitted that the undersigned did not receive either of these papers, although it appears that a change to the correspondence address was received and made of record, prior to these papers being sent out.

In addition, as indicated in Item #2, the undersigned submitted by e-mail on or about May 22, 2001, a spreadsheet listing applications for which the undersigned's address was to be changed. Upon submission of the change of address, the Patent and Trademark Office should have changed the mailing address for the above-identified application. In view of this, it is questioned why the Notice of Abandonment dated March 29, 2002, was mailed to the old address.

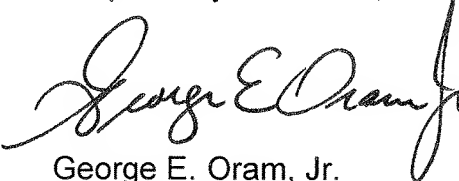
With regard to the delay in filing the first Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment, in previous years it was not unusual that the Patent and Trademark Office would take a considerable amount of time before issuing further actions after the filing of a document, and there was no manner in which the records of the Patent and Trademark Office could be accessed to check. Thus the filing of the Request for Status on August 10, 2005, is not seen as a lack of interest in the application by the undersigned.

Based upon the facts set forth above, the undersigned submits that there were good-faith attempts made in advising the Patent and Trademark Office of the undersigned's new address and obtaining the status of the application, however the unresponsiveness on the part of the Patent and Trademark Office contributed to the delay in filing the Petition to Revive based upon unintentional abandonment.

As required in the Decision, attached hereto are Declarations for Renewed Petition to Revive Unintentionally Abandoned Patent Application by George E. Oram, Jr. and Murat Ozgu, persons having knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the unintentional abandonment of the subject application.

In the event that any fees are due with respect to this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Atty. Docket No. 100725-09009.

Respectfully submitted,



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| Exhibit A | Page 8 of Spreadsheet submitted with e-mail communication for change of name and address |
| Exhibit B | Notification of Customer Number Record Change dated January 31, 2001 |
| Exhibit C | Change of Correspondence Address sent via facsimile on August 9, 2005, w/facsimile sent acknowledgement sheet |
| Exhibit D | Request for Status and Information Disclosure Statement filed August 10, 2005, w/stamped postcard receipt |
| Exhibit E | Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment filed on October 26, 2006, w/stamped postcard receipt |

Exhibit F Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment (Second Filing) filed on
February 23, 2007, w/stamped postcard receipt

Exhibit G PTO Private PAIR webpage

Declaration for Renewed Petition to Revive Unintentionally Abandoned Patent Application by
George E. Oram, Jr., w/Exhibits A, B and C

Declaration for Renewed Petition to Revive Unintentionally Abandoned Patent Application by
Murat Ozgu, w/Exhibits A and B

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Drosos, Margaret

From: Drosos, Margaret
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2001 2:45 PM
To: 'Stacy.Fuller@USPTO.GOV'
Subject: RE: Error Report for Customer Number 04372

OK Sorry for the error.

-----Original Message-----

From: Stacy.Fuller@USPTO.GOV [mailto:Stacy.Fuller@USPTO.GOV]
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2001 2:18 PM
To: DrososM@ARENTFOX.COM
Subject: RE: Error Report for Customer Number 04372

Thank you for your response. Unfortunately we asked that you email me the list of applications/patents that you DO NOT wish to be associated with your customer number and that you not delete any applications from the spreadsheet. I have to go to your original spreadsheet and remove the applications that you do not wish to be associated. Please resend the error report with these applications clearly noted.

Thank you for your assistance.

Stacy

> -----Original Message-----

> From: DrososM@ARENTFOX.COM [SMTP:DrososM@ARENTFOX.COM]
> Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2001 2:15 PM
> To: Stacy.Fuller@USPTO.GOV
> Subject: RE: Error Report for Customer Number 04372

> I have edited your error report so as to only included those applications
> for Nikaido, Marmelstein, Murray & Oram. This firm at Metropolitan Square
> merged with Arent Fox at the 1050 Connecticut Ave. address last year.

> Thank
> you for your attention to this. We have had several PTO papers returned
> to
> the PTO by Post Office, even though we have a current change of address on
> file.

> Margaret P. Drosos
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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Stacy.Fuller@USPTO.GOV [mailto:Stacy.Fuller@USPTO.GOV]
> Sent: Tuesday, May 22, 2001 1:10 PM
> To: DrososM@ARENTFOX.COM
> Subject: Error Report for Customer Number 04372

> I have received your spreadsheet to associate your applications/patents
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> your customer number, and there are just a few more questions. There are
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> few files that are currently going to a different address for
> correspondence
> and we just have to do a little preventative maintenance to be absolutely

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> sure that you do, in fact, want to update these files to your customer
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> Please take a look at the attached spreadsheet, which lists the
> "questionable" applications. Once you have verified whether or not you
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> to associate these applications/patents with your customer number, please
> mark them as such on the attached spreadsheet (i.e., yes/no) and email it
> back to me, or simply email me the list of applications/patents that you
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> NOT wish to be associated with your customer number. Please DO NOT delete
> any applications from the spreadsheet.
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E-4) NO FACSIMILE CONNECTION**Facsimile****Arent Fox**
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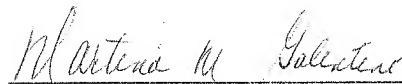
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August 9, 2005

(Date)

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Group Art Unit	3682
Examiner Name	L. Footland
Attorney Docket Number	100725-09009

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I am the:



Applicant/Inventor.



Assignee of record of the entire interest.
 Statement under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96).



Attorney or agent of record. Registration Number: 27,931



Registered practitioner named in the application transmittal letter in an application without an executed oath or declaration. See 37 C.F.R. 1.33(a)(1). Registration Number: _____

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George E. Oram Jr.

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Date

August 9, 2005

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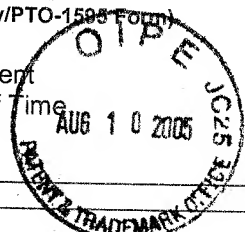
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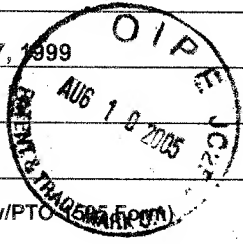
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REQUEST FOR STATUS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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August 10, 2005

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the information item(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-SB08. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each item(s) is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the item(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☐ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date or the date of filing a CPA, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application, or (c) accompanies a Request for Continued Examination. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance.
- ☐ a. I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1).
- ☐ b. I hereby certify that no item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. 37 CFR §1.97(e)(2).

- ☒ c. A check in the amount of \$180.00 in payment of the fee under 37 CFR §1.17(p). Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300 as needed to ensure consideration of the disclosed information.
- ☐ 3. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date and after the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee. Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) that the Information Disclosure Statement be considered. Attached is our check in the amount of \$130.00 in payment of the petition fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i)(1). Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300 as needed to ensure consideration of the disclosed information.
- ☐ a. I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1).
- ☐ b. I hereby certify that no item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. 37 CFR §1.97(e)(2).
- ☒ 4. The relevance of the non-English language reference(s) were cited in an Office Action of corresponding Japanese application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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				First Named Inventor	MORI, et al.
				Art Unit	3682
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Patent ☒ Trademark ☐ Docket No. 100725-09009

Serial No. 09/320,649 Filed May 27, 1999

Applicant(s) Natsuhiko MORI et al

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EXHIBIT **E**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Natsuhiko MORI et al

Serial No.: 09/320,649

Filed: May 27, 1999

Group Art Unit: 3682

Examiner: L. Footland

Atty. Docket No.: 100725-09009

For: HYDRODYNAMIC TYPE OIL-IMPREGNATED SINTERED BEARING

PETITION TO WITHDRAW THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

October 23, 2006

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition that the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application be withdrawn. It is submitted that the abandonment of the above-identified application resulted from the Patent and Trademark Office's failure to mail the non-final Office Action to the correct address. Since the failure to file a response to the non-final Office Action resulted from a Patent and Trademark Office error, it is respectfully submitted that the withdrawal of the holding of abandonment is proper.

The abandonment of the above-identified application on March 29, 2002, resulted from Applicant's failure to respond to an outstanding non-final Office Action. Applicants did not respond to the non-final Office Action because Applicants never received the non-final Office Action. Applicants' attorneys have made a careful search of the entire file jacket for the subject application and the non-final Office Action was not present. A review of the docket records also indicate that the non-final Office Action was never received.

Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of the private PAIR page from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office website for the subject application. It is noted that on April 26,

2001, there is a notation stating "Correspondence Address Change". Also on that date there are two separate notations of a "Letter Restarting Period for Response" and "Mail Notice of Restarted Response Period". It is respectfully submitted that the undersigned did not receive either of these papers, although it appears that a change to the correspondence address was received and made of record, prior to these papers being sent out.

In addition, the undersigned submitted by e-mail on or about May 22, 2001, a spreadsheet listing applications for which the undersigned's address was to be changed. Exhibit B is the e-mail correspondence between Margaret Drosos, the patent administrator of Applicants' firm, and Stacy Fuller of the Patent and Trademark Office. Also included is a copy of page 8 of the spreadsheet which lists the above-identified application. Upon submission of the change of address, the Patent and Trademark Office should have changed the mailing address for the above-identified application.

Based upon the facts set forth above, the undersigned attempted to advise the Patent and Trademark Office of its change of address. It appears, however, that this change of address was not entered in the above-identified application and the non-final Office Action was mailed to the undersigned's old address and was never received by the undersigned. Since the undersigned did not receive the non-final Office Action, a response was not filed. Thus it is submitted that the failure to properly respond to the outstanding non-final Office Action resulted from the failure of the Patent and Trademark Office to change the undersigned's address and that the abandonment of the application was a consequence of the Patent and Trademark Office's failure to change the address. It is therefore submitted that withdrawal of the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application is proper and this petition should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

George E. Oram, Jr.
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Natsuhiko MORI et al

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Group Art Unit: 3682

Examiner: L. Footland

Atty. Docket No.: 100725-09009

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

February 23, 2007

Sir:

On October 23, 2006, the undersigned filed a Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment in the subject application. A copy of the stamped postcard indicating receipt of the Petition by the Patent and Trademark Office on October 23, 2006, is enclosed. As the records of Private PAIR do not show this Petition as being received, it would appear that the Petition has been lost by the Patent and Trademark Office. Included in this submission is the Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment with Exhibits A and B as filed on October 23, 2006.

Applicants hereby petition that the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application be withdrawn. It is submitted that the abandonment of the above-identified application resulted from the Patent and Trademark Office's failure to mail the non-final Office Action to the correct address. Since the failure to file a response to the non-final Office Action resulted from a Patent and Trademark Office error, it is respectfully submitted that the withdrawal of the holding of abandonment is proper.

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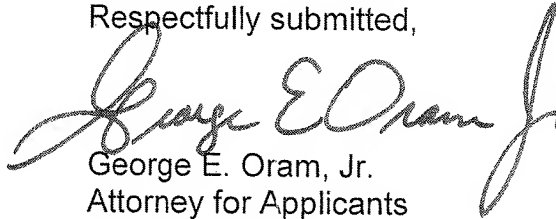
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abandonment of the above-identified application is proper and this petition should be granted.

In the event that any fees are due with respect to this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Atty. Docket No. 100725-09009.

Respectfully submitted,



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03-23-2001	Preliminary Amendment
03-28-2001	Date Forwarded to Examiner
03-23-2001	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
03-23-2001	Workflow - Request for RCE - Finish
03-23-2001	Mail Express Abandonment (During Examination)
03-23-2001	Express Abandonment (during Examination)
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03-23-2001	Workflow - Request for RCE - Begin
11-30-2000	Mail Final Rejection (PTOL - 326)
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09-26-2000	Response after Non-Final Action
06-30-2000	Mail Non-Final Rejection
06-29-2000	Non-Final Rejection
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09-14-1999	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
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EXHIBIT **G**

08-25-1999	Application Is Now Complete
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Natsuhiko MORI et al.

Application No.: 09/320,649

Filed: May 27, 1999

Attorney Dkt. No.: 100725-09009

For: HYDRODYNAMIC TYPE OIL-IMPREGNATED SINTERED BEARING

**DECLARATION FOR RENEWED PETITION TO REVIVE UNINTENTIONALLY
ABANDONED PATENT APPLICATION**

Sir:

I, the undersigned, hereby declare the following:

1. I am a partner of the law firm of Arent Fox, LLP, having an office at 1050 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, and am submitting this Declaration in response to the comments in the first full paragraph on page 2 of the Decision on Petition to Revive Unintentional Abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) dated March 31, 2008.

2. I have been a partner at Arent Fox since January 1, 2000. From before January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999, I was a partner of Nikaido, Marmelstein, Murray & Oram. I became a partner of Arent Fox effective immediately upon Nikaido, Marmelstein, Murray & Oram merging into Arent Fox on January 1, 2000.

3. At the time the application was filed on May 27, 1999, by virtue of a properly executed Declaration filed on August 19, 1999, I was authorized to file the application and did so. Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of the properly executed Declaration.

4. No effort was made to reply to either the April 11, 2001 mailed Non-Final Office Action or the Notice of Restarted Response Period mailed April 26, 2001 because I never received either document. I believe the April 11, 2001 Office Action, and the April 26, 2001 Notice to Restarted Response Period, were mailed to the wrong address, that is, the address where Nikaido, Marmelstein, Murray & Oram was located prior to moving to the address where Arent Fox is located, despite the fact that the Patent Office noted a change in the correspondence address on April 26, 2001. Attached as Exhibit B is a copy of the PTO Private PAIR Transaction history webpage indicating the dates the above-described documents were mailed in relation to the change in correspondence address. It is believed that this may be the correction of address for Arent Fox. Since Image File is not available for this period of time, I am unable to tell what is there.

5. The delay in this application is not the result of a deliberate course of action (or inaction) on my part because having never received the Office Action, I never knew that the Office Action was mailed on April 11, 2001 for this application after the March 23, 2001 filing of an RCE in the Patent Office. I also never knew that a Notice of Restarted Response Period was mailed on April 26, 2001 after the Office Action because I never received such a document either.

6. The application became abandoned under my control because I never received the documents mailed by the Patent Office in April of 2001. As such, no efforts were made by myself to reply to the documents mailed in April of 2001 by the Patent Office. I did not direct anyone else to reply for the same reasons. Consequently, I had no conversations or correspondence with anyone outside of the attorneys of Arent Fox regarding this patent application and the abandonment thereof.

7. The first correspondence in this application subsequent to the filing of the RCE on March 23, 2001 is a letter from the Japanese Associate Office for this application dated August 1, 2005 requesting that an Information Disclosure Statement be filed. The only other correspondence is our reporting letter telling the Japanese Associate Office that the IDS had been filed on August 10, 2005.

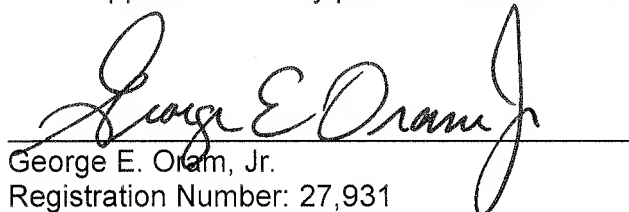
Attached as Exhibit C are both letters.

8. Since Nikaido, Marmelstein, Murray & Oram ceased to exist as a law firm on December 31, 1999, and the application apparently became abandoned on October 26, 2001 while under the responsibility of the attorneys at Arent Fox, I am not aware of anyone at Nikaido, Marmelstein, Murray & Oram that is qualified or skilled enough to make a statement regarding this patent application becoming abandoned.

9. I believe the persons having first hand knowledge of the circumstances surrounding the failure of the Patent Office to properly mail documents to the correct correspondence address, despite having such information, and the patent application becoming abandoned for failure to reply to Patent Office documents that were never received, are myself and Mr. Murat Ozgu.

10. I affirm the statements made in the paragraphs numbered 1 – 8 in the concurrently filed Renewed Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b).

11. The undersigned Declarant does hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


George E. Oram, Jr.
Registration Number: 27,931

Date: June 2 2008

Enclosures:	Exhibit A	Declaration executed by inventors
	Exhibit B	PTO Private PAIR webpage
	Exhibit C	Letters of August 1 and 10, 2005

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below my name.

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below my name.
I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled
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the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

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 and/or was filed on May 27, 1999 as United States Application
 Number 09/320,649 and was amended on _____

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.556. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International Application having a filing date before that of the application(s) for which priority is claimed:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s) or §365(c) of any PCT International application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior application(s) (U.S. or PCT) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35, U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

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And I hereby appoint as principal attorneys: David T. Nikaido, Reg. No. 22,663; Charles M. Marmelstein, Reg. No. 25,895; George E. Oram, Jr., Reg. No. 27,931; Robert B. Murray, Reg. No. 22,980; E. Marcie Emas, Reg. No. 32,131; Douglas H. Goldhush, Reg. No. 33,125; Monica Chin Kitts, Reg. No. 36,105; Richard J. Berman, Reg. No. 39,107; King L. Wong, Reg. No. 37,500; Karen K. Costantino, Reg. No. 35,107; James A. Poulos, III, Reg. No. 31,714; Herbert C. Rose, Reg. No. 29,846; and Patrick D. Muir, Reg. No. 37,403.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Inventor's signature Natsuhiko MORI 27 July, 1990 Date
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Citizenship Japanese
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Dear Sirs,

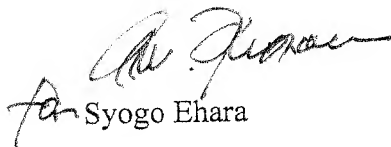
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Sincerely yours,
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Dear Mr. Ehara:

Thank you for your letter of August 1, 2005, enclosing the materials for filing an Information Disclosure Statement in the subject application. Enclosed are two copies of the Information Disclosure Statement which we prepared and filed in the Patent and Trademark Office on August 10, 2005.

Our debit note for services and disbursements in this regard will be sent to you shortly with a billing copy of this letter. We will keep you advised of the progress of this application.

Very truly yours,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Natsuhiko MORI et al.

Application No.: 09/320,649

Filed: May 27, 1999

Attorney Dkt. No.: 100725-09009

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**DECLARATION FOR RENEWED PETITION TO REVIVE UNINTENTIONALLY
ABANDONED PATENT APPLICATION**

Sir:

I, the undersigned, hereby declare the following:

1. I am a partner at the law firm of Arent Fox, LLP, having an office at 1050 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, and am submitting this Declaration in response to the comments in the first full paragraph on page 2 of the Decision on Petition to Revive Unintentional Abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) dated March 31, 2008.

2. I have been a partner at Arent Fox since January 1, 2006. From January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2005, I was an associate at Arent Fox. From July 17, 1999 through December 31, 1999, I was an associate at Nikaido, Marmelstein, Murray & Oram. I became an associate at Arent Fox effective immediately upon Nikaido, Marmelstein, Murray & Oram merging into Arent Fox on January 1, 2000.

3. At the time the application was filed on May 27, 1999, by virtue of a properly executed Declaration filed on August 19, 1999, I was authorized to file a reply to the April 11, 2001 mailed Non-final Office Action on behalf of the applicant of the above-identified patent application. Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of the properly executed Declaration.

4. No effort was made to reply to either the April 11, 2001 mailed Non-Final Office Action or the Notice of Restarted Response Period mailed April 26, 2001 because I never received either document. I believe the April 11, 2001 Office Action, and the April 26, 2001 Notice to Restarted Response Period, were mailed to the wrong address, that is, the address where Nikaido, Marmelstein, Murray & Oram was located prior to moving to the address where Arent Fox is located, despite the fact that the Patent Office noted the change in the correspondence address on April 26, 2001. Attached as Exhibit B is a copy of the PTO Private PAIR webpage indicating the dates the above-described documents were mailed in relation to the change in correspondence address.


5. The delay in this application is not the result of a deliberate course of action (or inaction) on my part because having never received the Office Action, I never knew that the Office Action was mailed on April 11, 2001 for this application after the March 23, 2001 filing of an RCE in the Patent Office. I also never knew that a Notice of Restarted Response Period was mailed on April 26, 2001 after the Office Action because I never received such a document either.

6. The application became abandoned under my control because I never received the documents mailed by the Patent Office in April of 2001. As such, no efforts were made by myself to reply to the documents mailed in April of 2001 by the Patent Office. Consequently, I had no conversations with anyone outside of the attorneys of Arent Fox regarding this patent application and the abandonment thereof.

7. Since Nikaido, Marmelstein, Murray & Oram ceased to exist as a law firm on December 31, 1999, and the application apparently became abandoned on October 26, 2001 while under the responsibility of the attorneys at Arent Fox, I am not aware of anyone at Nikaido, Marmelstein, Murray & Oram that is qualified or skilled enough to make a statement regarding this patent application becoming abandoned.

8. I believe the persons having first hand knoweldge of the circumstances surrounding the failure of the Patent Office to properly mail documents to the correct correspondence address, despite having such information, and the patent application becoming abandoned for failure to reply to Patent Office documents that were never received, are myslef and Mr. George E. Oram, Jr.

9. The undersigned Declarant does hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



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Date: 6/2/08

Enclosures: Exhibit A Declaration executed by inventors
 Exhibit B PTO Private PAIR webpage

Declaration For U.S. Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled
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the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International Application having a filing date before that of the application(s) for which priority is claimed:

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s) or §365(c) of any PCT International application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior application(s) (U.S. or PCT) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35, U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

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